

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 694

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Vester Waldron of LaVergne.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of former LaVergne Mayor, Mr. Vester Waldron; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waldron was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of LaVergne, Mr. Waldron resided there his entire life and sought every avenue to improve the community in which he lived and loved; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Emmett and Daisy Taylor Waldron, Vester Waldron graduated from Smyrna High School in 1943; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, Mr. Waldron joined the United States Navy and bravely served his country in the Pacific Theatre during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, after the war, he pursued his personal calling of public service through his work as a member of the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, he served as Rutherford County Commissioner from 1956 to 1990; his remarkable tenure on the County Commission was marked by his extraordinary leadership abilities and his deep commitment to seeking the best interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as County Commissioner, Mr. Waldron diligently served on the Board of Middle Tennessee Christian School from 1962 to 1977 and served on the Rutherford County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waldron also served with acumen and alacrity as the Mayor of LaVergne from 1972 to 1980 and from 1984 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as Mayor, he earned the unbridled respect of his peers and fellow citizens for his exemplary dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Vester Waldron's many accomplishments during his three mayoral terms proved instrumental to the development of LaVergne; as Mayor, Mr. Waldron brought a Bridgestone/Firestone Plant to LaVergne; built the Waldron Road Interchange on Interstate 24; completed a new sewer system which enabled the city to expand; and initiated the city park system, phone department, and library; and

WHEREAS, an honest and fair businessman, Mr. Waldron enjoyed tremendous success in his every business endeavor; he was an owner and partner of Waldron Enterprises, a managing broker for Waldron Realty, and a home builder and developer; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the Founding Board of Citizens Central Bank and the Board of Directors of First City Bank, in which positions he financed many of the business ventures in LaVergne; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waldron's outstanding career as a businessman and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and perseverance, and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the power of prayer, Mr. Waldron was an active and devout lifelong member of the LaVergne Church of Christ, where he served as an elder from 1970 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Emmett and Daisy Taylor Waldron; brother, Emmett Waldron, Jr.; and sister, Gertrude W. Pavatte; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waldron was the widower of Charlene Jackson Waldron, with whom he enjoyed many years of loving companionship; and

WHEREAS, the loving father of four children, he will be greatly missed by his sons, David Waldron, Charles Kerry Waldron, Greg Waldron and daughter, Teresa Howell; and

WHEREAS, Vester Waldron will be lovingly remembered by his brothers, Paul C. Waldron, Fred M. Waldron, Glen Waldron, Roy Lee Waldron and by his twelve grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was a gentleman who held to the highest standards of morality and decency, serving as a friend and neighbor to all those he encountered; and

WHEREAS, Vester Waldron leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Vester Waldron, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Vester Waldron.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.